

The nominations of Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, and Daniel R. Russel, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, all of the Department of State.

#### IMPACTS OF PREPAREDNESS GRANTS SINCE 9/11

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine measuring the impact of preparedness grants since 9/11, focusing on progress the Federal Emergency Management Agency has made, and what additional steps are needed to improve grant management and assess capabilities, after receiving testimony from Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator, Protection and National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, both of the Department of Homeland Security; David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; John W. Madden, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director, Anchorage, on behalf of the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council, and the National Emergency Management Association; Mayor William Euille, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; and Joshua D. Filler, Filler Security Strategies, Inc., and Matt A. Mayer, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 113th Congress:

*Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations:* Senators Levin (Chair), Pryor, Landrieu, McCaskill, Tester, Baldwin, Heitkamp, McCain, Johnson (WI), Portman, Paul, Ayotte, and Chiesa.

*Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight:* Senators McCaskill (Chair), Levin, Pryor, Landrieu, Begich, Baldwin, Johnson (WI), McCain, Enzi, and Ayotte.

*Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce:* Senators Tester (Chair), Pryor, McCaskill, Begich, Baldwin, Heitkamp, Portman, Johnson (WI), Paul, and Enzi.

*Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia:* Senators Begich (Chair), Levin, Pryor, Landrieu, Tester, Heitkamp, Paul, McCain, Portman, Enzi, and Chiesa.

Senators Carper and Coburn are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

#### FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine 75 years of the Federal minimum wage, after receiving testimony from Seth D. Harris, Acting Secretary of Labor; Michael Reich, University of California Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment; Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Stockton, California; and Hilary O. Shelton, NAACP, and James Sherk, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 2477–2503; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 41; and H. Res. 273, 275–276, were introduced. **Pages H4037–38**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4039–40**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations ac-

cess to Federal surplus personal property (H. Rept. 113–126);

H.R. 1233, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes, with amendment (H. Rept. 113–127);

H.R. 1234, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic

records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–128);

H.R. 1871, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–129);

H.R. 1405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–130); and

H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1613) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoir, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2231) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2410) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from June 29, 2013, through July 5, 2013; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–131).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:27 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge Designation Act:** H.R. 2383, to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the “Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 287; Pages H4002–05, H4008–09

**Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center Designation Act:** H.R. 1092, to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the “Patricia Clark Boston Air

Route Traffic Control Center”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 392 yeas to 3 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 288; and Pages H4006, H4009–10

**Renaming section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA:** H.R. 2289, to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA. Pages H4006–08

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:56 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H4008

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4009 and H4009–10. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN SYRIA

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a joint hearing entitled “Religious Minorities in Syria: Caught in the Middle”. Testimony was heard from Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; Zuhdi Jasser, M.D., Commissioner, Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

### OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF TRANSBOUNDARY HYDROCARBON AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZATION ACT; OFFSHORE ENERGY AND JOBS ACT; AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FISCAL YEAR 2014

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1613, the “Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act”; H.R. 2231, the “Offshore Energy and Jobs Act”; and H.R. 2410, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2014. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 1613. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural